

## TREATMENT OF ACNE.

In the *Revue Thérapeutique Médico-Chirurgicale*, Isaacs recommends the following for acne :

R.—Camphor,  
Vaseline, } of each 150 grains.  
Beta-naphthol, }  
Precipitated sulphur 1½ ounce.  
Green soap, 1½ ounce—M.

Apply to the affected part for from three to fifteen minutes, according to its susceptibility. After using this lotion, use in its place, after thoroughly drying the skin :

R.—Resorcin, } of each 7 to 15 grains.  
Salicylic acid, }  
Oxide of zinc, 30 grains.  
Vaseline, 6 drachms.—M.

This is to be allowed to remain on all night, or a less time if it is too stimulating, and is itself to be followed by an emollient, such as cold cream or chalk powder.

TREATMENT OF METRORRHAGIA BY  
ERGOTINE INJECTIONS.

When ergotine is badly tolerated by the stomach, it is recommended that it be used in the following manner in metrorrhagia :

The bowel having been first evacuated of faecal matter and the rectum washed out, a teaspoonful of the following is to be mixed with two tablespoonfuls of hot water and injected :

R.—Ergotine, 150 grains.  
Distilled water, 2½ ounces.  
Glycerin, 6 drachms.  
Salicylic acid, 6 grains.

—*Revue Gén. de Clin. et de Thérapeutique*, Aug. 6, 1890.

TREATMENT OF SYPHILIS BY RECTAL  
INJECTIONS OF IODIDES.

According to the *Revue Générale de Clinique et de Thérapeutique*, the following formula may be used by the anus, whenever the stomach is disordered :

R.—Iodide of potassium, 15 grains.  
Extract of belladonna, ¼ grain.  
Water, 4 ounces—M

The solution must be warm, and is said to be well borne and effective.

## VESICULAR ECZEMA OF THE HANDS.

In the acute form of this affection Dr. Duhring recommends, as one of the best forms of treatment, a salicylic acid plaster, as the following :—

R.—Acidi salicylici, 1.00 gramme (gr. xv).  
Pulv. amyli, 8.00 grammes (ʒij).  
Zinci oxidi, 8.00 grammes (ʒij).  
Cosmolini, 16.00 grammes (ʒiv).—M.

This should be applied three or four times daily, the parts being well covered with the paste, to protect the skin and exclude the air. Should this not prove decidedly beneficial in a few days, black-wash, followed by oxide of zinc ointment will be advisable. Internally, a tonic, saline, aperient mixture will probably prove of value. A drachm and a half (6 grammes) of sulphate of magnesium, and 1 grain (0.064 gramme) of sulphate of iron in a gobletful of water, to be taken a half hour before breakfast, daily, may be prescribed for the next week or two.

In the sub-acute form a more stimulating treatment is indicated, and a calomel ointment, 20 or 30 grains (1.28 or 2.00 grammes) to the ounce (31 grammes) of oxide of zinc ointment, should be ordered. In three or four days, should no improvement take place, an ointment of resorcin, 30 grains (2 grammes), and salicylic acid, 10 grains (0.64 gramme) to the ounce (31 grammes) should be substituted, to be followed later by a tarry wash of 1 drachm (4 grammes) of the alcoholic solution of coal-tar to 8 ounces (240 cubic centimetres) of water.—*The Medical News*, August 30, 1890, p. 202.

## CYCLING AND HERNIA.

A somewhat unnecessary amount of alarm may possibly be created on the subject of cycling by some recent correspondence, especially as a statement purports to have been made by more than one medical man that cycling predisposes to hernia. One correspondent appears to attribute all the harm to sitting too high on the machine. If danger exist it is due rather to the fact that scarcely 5 per cent. of the riders make any attempt to fit themselves to their machine. As a rule, the handles are far too low, and the seat too far back or forward. Of the comfort of sitting up with the handles in such a position as not to necessitate bending the back nearly double, we can speak from personal experience. No one who has once got his handles high enough, his feet in the right position, and his seat at a proper angle, will ever ride his machine so as to strain his legs, bend his back, or bruise his perineum.—*The British Medical Journal*, August 16, 1890, p. 399.

## AMYLENE HYDRATE IN EPILEPSY.

Nache agrees with Wildermuth as to the value of amylene hydrate in epilepsy, even where bromides have failed, and where the attacks are not only very frequent but severe. He uses a 10-per-cent. solution of the drug, and gives from one to two tablespoonfuls a day (from 30 to 90 grains). Nache also believes that *petit mal* and nocturnal epilepsy are benefited by the drug.—*Medical News*.